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FINE LIBERTY LOAN MEETING

Need of Liberty Loan Bond Sales Pounded Home by Some Good Speakers.

KAISERISM GOT A SCORCHING

Gratiot's Quota, Fourteen Per Cent of Bank Resources, Will Take Great Work to Raise.

While the attendance at the Liberty Loan mass meeting at the high school Monday evening was not all that could be desired, the meeting was a success, as it aroused Alma people to the need of subscribing to the Second Liberty Loan of 1917 as an aid in furnishing the United States government with funds with which to carry on the great world war, which must be fought until the United States and her allies emerge victorious over the legions of Kaiserism.

The need of the government was never made so plain to Alma people as it was Monday evening at this mass meeting, when speakers called attention to the aims of German autocracy for world power, and the cost of maintaining this great struggle to keep the world from coming under the vassalage of Berlin.

The meeting was called to order by Superintendent of Schools A. F. Schultz. In his short introductory talk, Supt. Schultz called attention to the two big "men and money"—that the government was in need of to carry on this great struggle to a victorious conclusion. He also predicted that while the attendance at the meeting was not large, it would be productive of great results in contributions from Gratiot county for the Second Liberty Loan of 1917.

His introductory speech was followed by a number of patriotic songs by the audience. Music was furnished for these songs by the Republic orchestra of nine pieces. L. A. Sharp followed with an address, "What Are We Fighting For?" The well-known Alma resident maintained, and we believe justly so, that war in some cases is justifiable. He explained that the United States was fighting for the same purpose as it did when the Revolutionary war was fought, so that this country could work out its forms of popular government, and be free from interference from foreign governments. In closing his address he made a great plea for the Liberty Loan, and at the same time said that it would cost less to win than to lose this war, a statement that is only too true.

The Hon. A. M. Cummins of Lansing, the next speaker, brought home in a most forcible manner the need of going the limit to win the war, when he read to the audience extracts of the book, "Germany and the Next War," which was written by a member of the German general staff in 1911, just three years before the great world war broke out.

These extracts were startling, to say the least, showing clearly that Germany had in mind at that time just what has taken place. This book and other German teachings lead the German citizens to believe that war is indispensable to culture, and that might makes right, rather than right makes might. One extract from this book told of the next war, and told clearly how the countries would be lined up, Germany and Austria on the one side and France, England and Russia on the other, with the likelihood that Italy would not hold a treaty with Germany.

It also said that with the next war Germany must become a world power or come to her downfall. The war surely is a war for conquest and world power on the part of Germany. And if she wins, the countries will be dominated from Berlin. Falling under the strain of war, Germany is bound to be doomed, as far as Kaiserism is concerned.

Mr. Cummins also said that it was a war in self-defense, for had not Gratiot been told in Germany that Germany would take care of the United States in due time?

In closing he said that it was a war in which each could help. Save a little food, sugar, wheat and meat, the three most needed commodities. Buy a Liberty bond and aid. Pay a dollar a week if you cannot pay all at one time. Buy a bond and help.

Frank C. Gee of the Federal Reserve bank of Chicago, the last speaker of the evening, told of the quota for Gratiot county. It was, he said, \$715,200. He said that it was based upon about fourteen per cent of the banking resources of Gratiot county. He also said that this was about \$25 for every man, woman and child in the county.

He asked if Gratiot county was to go down in the list of slacker counties. On the first Liberty loan Mr. Gee said that Gratiot had been listed that way. Just before the meeting adjourned L. A. Sharp, chairman for Alma, appointed the following city committees to aid in solicitation for bond sales in Alma: First ward, Supt. A. F. Schultz, Charles G. Rhodes and A. W. (Continued on page four)

ALMA ART CLUB.

Indian Program at Last Meeting of Alma Club.

Last Wednesday evening the Alma Art club entertained its new members at the home of the president, Mrs. H. L. Rockwell. An unique Indian program was the feature of the evening.

A realistic representation of an Indian camp by means of boughs from the forest, Indian blankets, fur robes, Indian trophies and a real camp fire in the foreground created an Indian atmosphere which added much to the scenes enacted.

Characters from "Hiawatha" appeared in native costume and delighted their audience with dialogues, tableaux, Indian songs and dances. A social hour followed the program and refreshments were served.

The year's work promises to be interesting and profitable. The club has enlarged its membership and in addition to the study of art, literature, grand opera and contemporary drama will take up Red Cross work and other national defense work.

KARL R. ADAMS IS

NOW THE CASHIER

Directors of Alma State Savings Bank Elect Local Boy to Succeed H. C. Moore.

It has been announced that Karl R. Adams, assistant cashier at the Alma State bank, has been elected cashier of the institution by the directors at a meeting recently held at the office of the bank.

Mr. Adams, who has been connected with the Alma State Savings bank for some years, was born in Alma and educated at the Alma public schools. He graduated from Alma high school in 1909, and the following year he attended McLaughlin's business college in Grand Rapids, where he made a fine scholastic record.

In 1912 he was elected the assistant cashier of the Alma State Savings bank, and since that time has filled that position at the bank, making a record that has been a splendid one. He has always been a faithful servant of the institution and courteous in the extreme to the patrons of the bank, gaining for himself a host



KARL R. ADAMS.

of friends, who will be highly elated to learn of his promotion to the cashiership of the institution which he has so faithfully served.

Mr. Adams will assume the duties of cashier with the withdrawal of Mr. H. C. Moore, November 1st, when Mr. Moore leaves for Flint to accept a better position.

Harry Reed, a young man with plenty of banking experience, has been secured to act as assistant cashier of the Alma State Savings bank. He has had eight years of experience at Ovid as an assistant cashier, and for the past six years has been the cashier of the Pomperly State bank. He is a young man of good character and comes to this city with flattering recommendations, which speak highly for his ability in the banking business.

LADIES HELP.

Have Organized to Sell Liberty Bonds in Gratiot County.

Under the lead of Mrs. Henry Seale, as chairman, the ladies of Gratiot county are out to sell bonds of the Second Liberty loan, and a good canvass of the county will be made by the ladies.

This is particularly true in Alma, where a complete organization has been made. Mrs. Lamb has charge of the work in Alma and she has made the following appointments for the city: First ward, Mrs. Brunner; Second ward, Mrs. Crisp; Third ward, Mrs. J. T. Ewing; Fourth ward, Mrs. George Moore.

Outside of Alma the following committee is serving: Mrs. Fred Barrard, St. Louis; Mrs. Lee Potts, Ithaca; Mrs. Baldwin, Breckenridge; Mrs. Post, Forest Hill; Mrs. Highfield, Riverdale; Mrs. Cleverdon, Sum-S. Loey, North Star.

The work of the ladies of the county is organized under Mrs. McAdoo. In Michigan Mrs. D. B. Ashbaugh is the state chairman.

PEDDLERS GET THEIR BUMPS

License Revoked on Evidence to Defraud the Innocent People of Alma.

MANY GOT "WOOL" BLANKETS

Since It Has Been Found That the Wool Was Cotton and Blankets Cost Too Much.

A deputation of business men visited the council meeting Tuesday evening following a visit to Alma of three men selling "all wool" blankets for \$8, or two for \$15, and the probability is that the visit of the business men to the council will see the price of licenses in this city raised considerably at the next meeting of the council.

The whole matter revolves around the C. F. Adams company of Saginaw, which, it is reported, has been having agents here every few days selling clocks, blankets, and what not. It seems that the C. F. Adams company secured a license to do business here, and it is said that it secured a license for a year upon the representation to the city clerk that while men would be here off and on, that no two would be here at the same time. This is the impression which the clerk gained, it seems, and the company was given a license.

However, during the past week the three men, said to be agents of this company, have been in Alma hounding the housewives of the city, just as P. T. Barnum said that the American people loved to be humbugged. Blankets, said not to contain a particle of wool, were sold for \$8 each, or two for \$15, for cash or upon the installment plan. They were presented in a number of cases to be pure wool blankets, and in some cases almost all wool blankets.

The matter was taken to the attention of the city council Tuesday evening by a deputation of business men who did not care to have a fraud put over on the people of the city. This deputation consisted of D. W. Robinson, J. C. Chick, George Maier, J. A. Gerhardt, L. N. Baker, Chester Benedict, Earl Clapp, Bert Eckert, J. E. Converse and W. S. Proud.

The matter was put up to the council squarely by the business men, who asked for a fair and square protection, seeing that it was to the business men of the city that everyone went to when funds were needed for any purpose.

Fraud being shown in the selling of these blankets, the council immediately revoked the license of the Saginaw concern. Late Tuesday the matter was taken up with Chief of Police Vibber, who went out and secured one of the peddlers, and he was arrested for operating without a license. He pleaded guilty and paid a fine of \$10 and costs of \$3.75. The man was Alfred Unger.

It seems that one woman here in Alma began to suspect, after having purchased a blanket, that she had been humbugged. She then took the blanket to D. W. Robinson's store, where it was compared. Upon the counters of that store she found a blanket exactly the same in texture, weave, color and weight which was being sold for \$5 and which was not represented as an all wool blanket or as a partly wool blanket. The woman told her story to Mr. Robinson, and this brought about the action which took place later.

Time and again Alma people have allowed themselves to be swindled by smooth strangers, and as near as can be discovered not a resident of Alma ever bought an article from a peddler who did not pay a larger price than was being asked by the merchants of the city.

It should be remembered that the merchants of Alma have their reputations at stake when selling goods to local people, whereas strangers have nothing to lose, as they are fly-by-nighters, here today and gone tomorrow.

The matter of changing the ordinance regarding peddlers is being taken up by the city attorney and Attorney James G. Kress, and it is expected that a new ordinance will be laid before the council at the next meeting, or that the present one will be amended. A license fee of \$10 for house-to-house peddlers and \$15 for stands will probably be asked in the new ordinance, or the amendment to the present one.

GET SUB CARRIER.

After many trials and tribulations, such as only postmasters have, Postmaster V. P. Cash announces that he has at last secured a substitute carrier for the local postoffice, Carl V. Shook of St. Louis having taken the job. He is at present carrying the business delivery of the city. The need of a sub. carrier was aired in The Record last week, after a dozen men had refused the job, and Postmaster Cash believes that Record advertisements will pay, as he secured a number of inquiries about the job after last week's issue was out.

OPEN NIGHT.

Home Guards Invite Public to Drill Friday Night.

Friday night will be open night with the Home Guards of Alma, who invite the public to visit the Alma high school gymnasium and watch the local company go through its work.

The company has been drilling two nights a week for about three months and is in good shape now. The public will be surprised at the rapid advancement that the Alma company has made under the charge of Captain Soper, who is also the drillmaster of the company.

The drill will start at 7:30 p. m., and those intending to attend should be there at that time. All Home Guards are also requested to be present that evening, and be there on time.

HILLSDALE WAS SWAMPED

BY HELMER AGGREGATION

Blue and White Walloped in Short Game by Score of 65 to 0 by Alma Eleven.

The drive which General Coach Helmer launched at the Hillsdale college eleven Saturday was a highly successful one and brought a great yardage to the Maroon and Cream, and along with it a 65 to 0 victory over the foe, which could not withstand the shock of the powerful Alma brigade.

It was simply a case of touchdown after touchdown, and while Hillsdale put up a game fight, she was unable to withstand the slashing line smashing and the brilliant forward passes of the Alma team. The great smashing work of Spooner and the brilliant passing of Smith and Richards were the outstanding features of the struggle.

It took the Alma eleven nine minutes to get the first touchdown, and then it became a matter of how many Alma could get and whether or not subs were in the game. The scoring went merely on.

There is little use in relating the manner in which the touchdowns came, as, with the exception of the first quarter, it was just a march up and down the field for the Maroon and Cream. Hillsdale was powerless to hold Alma, failing to hold Alma for downs once during the entire game.

Alma, on the other hand, showed a brilliant defense and only once did Hillsdale make her first down. Another time, with a yard to go for a first down, Hillsdale could not muster strength to shove the ball that one lone yard. After the first quarter it became a defensive game entirely on the part of the Blue and White, and Hillsdale punted at every opportunity, endeavoring thus to stay the flow of touchdowns that poured over the Leptist goal.

Forward passing played a great part in the work of the Alma grid-ders, and nearly everyone got a chance to work into the pass game in some way or other. Richards, Smith, Foote, Narrance and Helbert all got into the ground-gaining via the aerial route.

Included among the passes were a pass, Smith to Helbert, for 45 yards, and a touchdown, a pass, Smith to Richards, for 23 yards, a pass, Smith to Richards, for 91-2 yards, a pass, Richards to Smith, for 50 yards, and a touchdown, a pass, Smith to Foote, for 20 yards and a pass, Richards to Narrance, for 25 yards.

Smith, Narrance, Richards, Foote, Spooner, Mills and Lott all had gains by end runs or for smashing that ran from 15 to 25 yards.

Helmer's eleven did not display the vim and vigor which marked the victory over M. A. C., but at the same time did appear slightly better on defense than it did the week before.

Line-up and summary:

ALMA, 65. HILLSDALE, 0.
Foote (capt.)... L. F. Martindale
Spooner... L. F. Martindale
Miller... L. F. Martindale
Borch... L. F. Martindale
Parabean... R. G. Helbert
Lott... R. T. Helbert
Richards... R. E. Helbert
Helbert... R. E. Helbert
Smith... L. H. Cright (capt.)
Narrance... R. H. Berridge
Mills... F. B. White

Score by quarters: 1 2 3 4 Final
Hillsdale... 0 0 0 0—0
Alma college... 7 30 19—55

Touchdowns—Smith 3, Spooner 2, Narrance, Helbert 2, Foote, V. Richards—10. Goals from touchdowns—Narrance, 5 out of 10. Time of quarters—12 minutes. Substitutions—Alma: W. Richards for Narrance, Ardis for Borch, Jackson for Mills, Anderson for Miller, Narrance for W. Richards, Borch for Ardis, Mills for Jackson, Jackson for Foote, Anderson for Jackson, W. Richards for Smith. Hillsdale: Haskins for Helbert, Wagner for Haskins, Gray for Helbert, Referee—Hayes, Battle Creek. Umpire—Kimball, Alma high.

SCHOOL OF DANCING.

All dancers taught privately or in class. Children's class, Monday, 4 p. m. Adults' class, Monday, 7 p. m., Weese Hall. Also a complete course of lessons given in the home. Union 397, Ithaca, Mich. 13-4-c

TOBACCO FUND IS GROWING RAPIDLY

More Are Urged to Make Donation to Furnish Smokes for Boys in the Trenches.

SOOTHING FOR THE NERVES

Military Dance Brought \$135.50 for The Alma Record's Tobacco Kit Fund.

It does not take much imagination to picture the conditions in which a man has to live on the western front, and it takes even less imagination to realize how much he is going to be helped in his nerve-shattering experiences by an occasional cigarette.

To seriously discuss the question of improved efficiency under such circumstances is ridiculous. Very few moments occur for a peaceful smoke, what with the big shells, shrapnel, trench bombs and all the other things, not to mention going "over the top." It is a soldier has any time for a cigarette or pipe between these entertainments, who is going to be so unreasonable as to deny it to him? Not any well-meaning man or woman of this country, certainly.

The soldiers in the trenches have proved that cigarettes are now necessities rather than luxuries. No one, after hearing the thousands of stories of the pleasure and solace that the fighting men in France have derived from cigarettes, can ever doubt again that it has become an essential part of every-day life.

Even before this country joined the Allies, newspaper readers in America abroad to send cigarettes to the soldiers. Such campaigns were almost as important as rolling bandages and producing munitions as far as work for the comfort of the men is concerned.

It makes a very interesting point that for some years really qualified men of science have known that cigarettes were a very mild form of indulgence, and as harmless in moderation as many other things that we all do regularly. And very few are disposed to look askance at so convenient and mild a form of smoking, and above all, since absorbing the facts brought out by the great war.

General Leonard Wood, former commander of the Department of the East, and designated to command a division of the National army to be mobilized at Fort Riley, Kan., said recently: "The idea of sending tobacco to the American soldiers in France is a capital one. Nothing gives the soldier in the field more pleasure and contentment than a cool, refreshing smoke after a hard day's fighting or while awaiting call on the firing line. Life in the trenches is very hard, and I know American soldiers will appreciate and enjoy remembrance in the form of tobacco and cigarettes."

The military dance last week netted \$135.50 for the Alma Record tobacco fund, and The Record wishes to thank all those who aided in making the dance the success that it was, especially Supt. Montague of the Masonic home and the Good Fellow Jass orchestra.

The fund:
Previously acknowledged... \$ 11.75
Military dance... 135.50
J. W. Blakely, Alma... 1.00
C. R. Robinson, Alma... .25
Ed. Kruse, Alma... .25
Ed. La Fontaine... .25
F. H. Glass, Alma... .25
Harold Johnstone, Alma... .25
George Lewis, Alma... .50
Raymond Whiteside, Alma... .25

Total to date... \$149.25
For this splendid, patriotic cause we have started our TOBACCO FUND to send cigarettes and tobacco to our soldiers in France. It is a great enterprise and we count on everyone in this city to help out. It is an easy way to do the right thing by the men who are fighting our battles, and even the smallest contributions brings big results.

NEW COMPANY.

Alma Man President of New Detroit Wheel Company.

The Rob-Ben Wheel Company of Detroit was incorporated last week, with George Sandel of this city as its president, according to information secured by The Alma Record.

The new company, which will manufacture a patent automobile wheel, which has been pronounced by experts to fill a long felt need, is incorporated for \$50,000.

The officers of the company are: President, George Sandel of Alma; vice-president, Herman Tarostel of Detroit; secretary, Carl Prestel; treasurer, B. C. Green; general manager, Mr. Robenstetter.

Mr. Sandel told The Record reporter that he hoped to bring the plant to Alma when this city was ready to house workmen for such a concern. The management of the company cannot see Alma at the present time as a home for this institution, owing to the startling lack of residences.

NEW DRUG STORE.

Winslow Brothers Buy Out Crampton to Get Location.

A deal was put through the fore part of the week whereby J. L. and N. J. Winslow have come into possession of the Earl Crampton grocery. The next few weeks will see this place transformed into a drug store, the new owners say.

The closing out sale is to be held by the Winslow brothers, starting next Tuesday, and as soon as the drug store fixtures arrive they will be installed and a new drug stock put upon the shelves. It is expected that it will be about three weeks or a month before the drug store is opened.

Mr. J. L. Winslow, who has had a wide experience in the drug business, will have charge of the Alma store.

Mr. Earl Crampton, who has been in business here for the past two and a half years, has not determined just what he will do in the future, but it is to be hoped that this young man will elect to remain in this city, as Alma needs hustlers.

WELFARE DEPARTMENT OF

THE REPUBLIC GETS FUEL

C. R. Robinson of This Department Got Coal for Employees of Company at Cost.

The welfare department of the Republic Motor Truck company, Incorporated, under the management of C. R. Robinson, has made a new departure during the past week, and will furnish fuel for the employees of the company who have been unable to obtain coal for their winter use.

Together with Superintendent of Labor Ira H. McKinney, Mr. Robinson succeeded in getting eleven cars of coal from mines at Bay City and Saginaw last week, which is to be distributed at cost to the employees who are in need of it.

Mr. Robinson expects to continue to receive coal for the employees of the plant if the present situation continues, provided of course that it can be obtained, and to continue to sell it to the employees at cost during the winter.

The coal situation throughout the entire country is a serious one, and there is a great difficulty in nearly every state in securing enough coal. This is particularly true in Michigan, and it may be a fortunate thing for Alma that this is being done, as it will relieve coal from the local yards for others who are in need of fuel, and make it go farther towards giving Alma a full supply of fuel this winter.

Mr. Robinson was successful in getting a price of \$5 at the mine, which, with freight added, will bring it to the Republic at \$5.65. It is expected that it can be delivered and sold at \$6.50 a ton to the employees. Cash in advance is asked, it being handled without profit purely for the accommodation of the men employed by the Republic.

FIRST GOOD ONE.

The first large subscription to the Second Liberty Loan bonds of 1917 comes from the Alma plant of the Michigan Sugar company. The local plant is reported as having taken \$10,000 worth of Liberty bonds. Gratiot gets credit for this one.

Watch for list of subscriptions this coming week.

"GOING OVER THE TOP" WITH "SMOKES" FROM THE ALMA RECORD TOBACCO FUND

